

The Rock, Sunday 22nd November 2020

The Good Shepherd.

Warm up

Dance to, join in with the actions and sing our Rock song.

This video has the words:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dcAG4PbNXaA>

This video has the actions: <https://youtu.be/8dbOgbRxC1M>



Getting started

Discussion. The question to be discussed is, 'What do we need protection from?'

The Point: To open up part of today's subject.

Teaching time

Equipment

Big sheets of paper, marker pens, torn up paper in lots of colours, glue sticks, Bibles.

Today we're going to be looking at the way Jesus describes himself in a verse in a book of the Bible by a man named John. Ask one of the children to read out John 10:14: "I am the good shepherd. I know my sheep and my sheep know me." Ask the children if they can explain what Jesus means by this.

Say that we might get some clues about what it means for Jesus to be a good shepherd from another bit of the Bible that talks about God being someone's shepherd. You can either read Psalm 23 out or you can use the video that's linked below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pcTyqPqJna0>

Make a collage of the Psalm.

When the picture is finished, try to come up with one word that sums up what it means for God to be a shepherd.

You could use the following questions to generate more discussion:

How is Jesus our good shepherd?

Why is it important that he knows us (his sheep)?

Why is it important that we know him (our shepherd)?

How can we know Jesus better?

The Point: To use scripture to unpack how Jesus is our good shepherd.



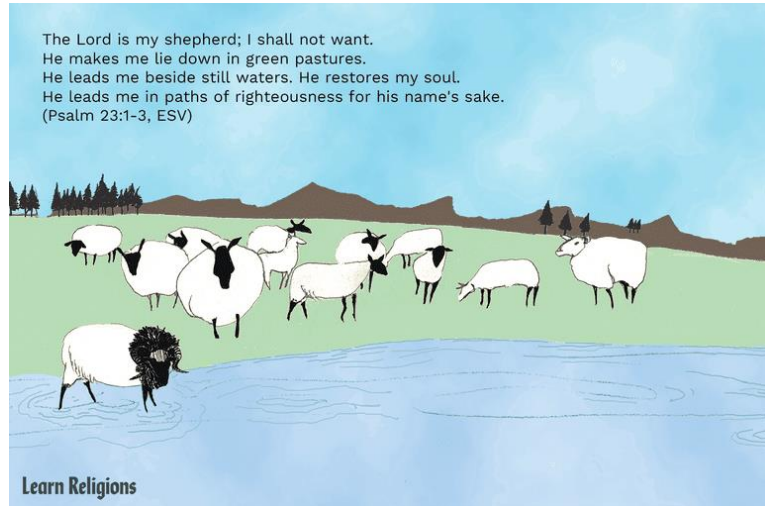
Craft and activity idea

Equipment

Empty cardboard tubes, black pipe cleaners, cotton wool, glue, black card, scissors, googly eyes.

Use a short cardboard tube (a toilet roll length - cut kitchen roll ones in half) make four holes - two near each end and just a few centimetres apart but all underneath. Now push one pipe cleaner into the first hole and back out through the hole close to it - you'll have created two legs sticking out underneath. Do the same with the holes at the other end - now you'll have four legs. Stick

cotton wool all over the cardboard tube. Set aside to dry off a bit. Cut a head shape out of black card - you could give it sticky-out ears like Shaun the Sheep or Timmy. Stick googly eyes on. You can add any other details with a pencil. Stick the head onto one end of the cardboard tube.



The Point: A teaching reminder.

Response

"I am the good shepherd. I know my sheep, and they know me." John 10:14

Teach the verse and encourage the children to learn it. Use the verse in a prayer thanking God for being our good shepherd.

The Point: To learn scripture and pray.

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